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Report from Cape Town.

CAPE TOWN, AFRICA, *May 19, 1901.*

SIR: I am directed to inform you that the following is the report on the state of the outbreak of the plague in the Cape Peninsula for the week ended May 18, 1901:

	Total, all races.		European.		Colored.		Native.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Number of cases remaining under treatment at end of last week	90	33	35	5	43	26	12	2
Admitted during the week	17	4	6	3	9	1	2	.....
Found dead	6	2	.....	.....	5	2	1	.....
Died during the week, including cases found dead	12	5	2	.....	9	5	1	.....
Discharged, cured	12	3	7	1	5	2	.....	.....
Remaining under treatment	89	31	32	7	43	22	14	2
Number of cases of suspects remaining under observation at end of last week	10	7	6	.....	1	7	3	.....
Admitted during the week	12	2	6	1	4	1	2	.....
Discharged	2	2	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....
Found to be suffering from plague	4	.....	2	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Died of plague	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Died from other causes	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Remaining under observation	16	6	9	1	4	5	3	.....
Number of "contacts" remaining under observation at end of last week	468	437	103	79	345	356	20	2
Admitted during the week	125	73	63	19	52	49	10	5
Discharged	161	150	26	26	114	123	21	1
Found to be suffering from plague	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Died of plague	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Died from other causes	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Remaining under observation	431	358	140	70	232	282	9	6
Total cases to date, April 5, 1901	463	176	125	39	215	127	123	10
Total deaths to date, April 5, 1901	209	83	41	11	118	69	50	3
Rate of mortality, per cent	45.1	47.2	32.8	28.2	54.9	54.3	40.7	30.0

Respectfully, *Assistant Under Colonial Secretary.*

The DEPUTY CONSUL-GENERAL FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Plague at Port Elizabeth.

CAPE TOWN, AFRICA, *May 14, 1901.*

SIR: I am directed to draw your attention to the fact that 2 cases of plague having occurred at Port Elizabeth, and the disease having made its appearance among the rats in a portion of the town, the Government has decided to declare the town and port of Port Elizabeth an infected area within the meaning of Chapter II, Heading II of the Venice Sanitary Convention, 1897.

Respectfully,

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Secretary.

The UNITED STATES CONSUL-GENERAL.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Yellow fever and smallpox.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, *May 10, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for April 16 to April 30, inclusive:

There were 552 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 51 as compared with the foregoing fortnight, being at the rate of 36.8 per diem, and

corresponding to an annual death rate of 16.93 per 1,000 against 40.20 and 18.58 during the previous period.

The number of deaths in regard to infectious and contagious diseases was as follows: Tuberculosis, 100, the same as before; yellow fever, 33 against 31; smallpox, 5, the same as before; beriberi, 5 against 6; diphtheria, 2 against none; dysentery, 1 against 3; influenza, 10 against 6; typhoid fever, 5 against 1; malarial fever, 34 against 46.

There were 577 births—that is, an average of 38.46 per diem, corresponding to an annual birth rate of 17.70 per 1,000.

Respectfully, W. HAVELBURG,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CANADA.

Report from Quebec—Immigrant inspection service.

QUEBEC, CANADA, *June 8, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended June 8 there were inspected 935 immigrants; passed, 924. Cause of detention: Caries of spine, 1; hernia, 3; measles, 1; pregnancy, 1; trachoma, 4; atrophy and shortening of right leg, 1.

On June 5 I inspected 16 immigrants at Montreal of whom 1 was detained on account of hernia.

Respectfully, VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Plague and smallpox.

HONGKONG, CHINA, *May 8, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended May 4, 1901:

Seven steamers were inspected during the week, 846 baths were given, and 1,082 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. In addition 45 pieces of baggage from the U. S. A. transport *Meade* were disinfected at the station because of the case of smallpox aboard that vessel. The report of this case was made in my report for the week ended April 27, 1901.

The plague epidemic continues to increase in severity, 93 cases and 92 deaths having been reported during the week. The weather continues warm, very damp and cloudy, with several heavy rainfalls, conditions which certainly have some influence over the rise of the epidemic. Thus far all the cases have been among Chinese, except 2, who were European chemists employed by the Hongkong Dispensary.

One case of enteric fever, 4 cases of smallpox, and 2 deaths were also reported during the week. This is a slight decrease over the number reported last week. No definite information was obtainable regarding the situation at Canton.

Respectfully, JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.